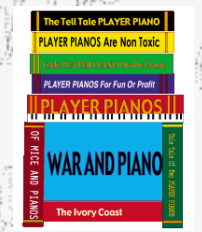The Tell Tale PLAYER PIANO
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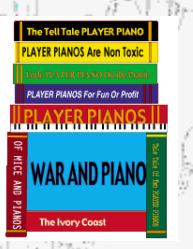
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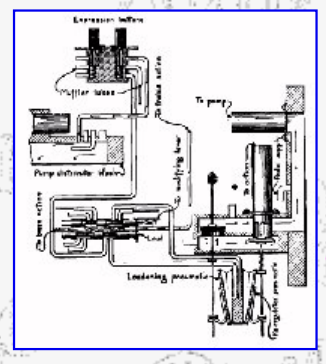

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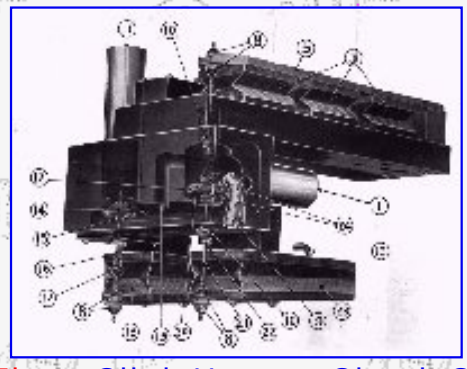

The 1923 Inspector Reference Book, covers all of the devices found in the upright models and the Model 'A' grands. This is the most common of the Ampico Reproducing systems. Test Roll instructions are on pages 3-5. Written for the "purpose of giving the inspectors a thorough understanding of the working principles of the AMPICO". 19 pages, 8-1/2" x 11". The manual does not contain a complete tubing diagram. For the DVD "How the Ampico Really Works" by Craig Brougher, click here.

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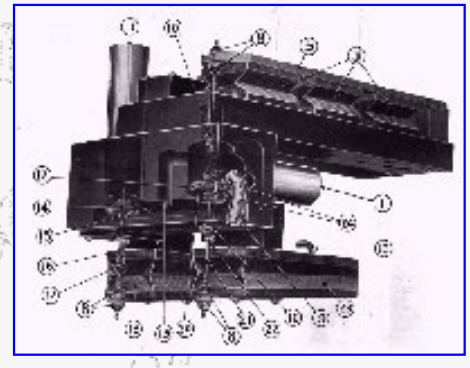

The 1923 Inspector Reference Book, covering the upright models. This is the most common of the Ampico Reproducing systems. All of the devices shown in this manual are identical to those found in the Model A grand piano. Test Roll instructions are on pages 3-5. Written for the "purpose of giving the inspectors a thorough understanding of the working principles of the AMPICO". 19 pages, 7.9" x 10.9". The manual does not contain a complete tubing diagram. The grayscale graphics in this manual are very impressive, even at 400% magnification!!

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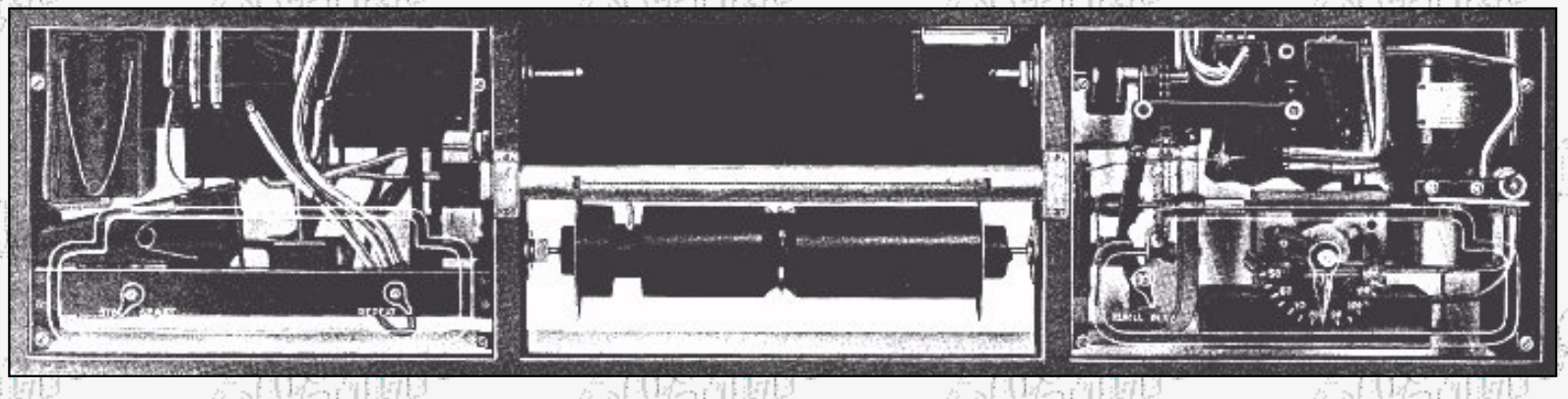

The 1929 Service Manual is applicable to grands only, with the 100 hole tracker bar and the electric motor turning the music roll. Complete with the Principles of Operation and location of all Adjustments. Well referenced. 8-1/2" X 11", 56 pages.

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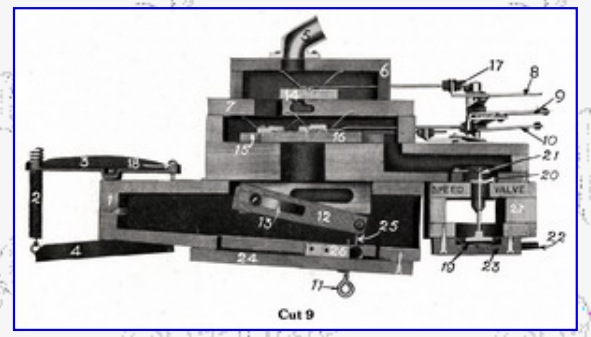

Player Piano Pointers, Autopiano player action, produced by Auto Pneumatic Action Company (1917). 31 pages, 8-1/2" x 11". General information about the various devices in the player system. Basically, it's kind of a 'How To' manual for owners and technician/tuners alike. Excellent graphics and diagrams. What you see here is the actual size of the graphic in the manual. Click on the graphic to see the difference between what has been available for the past three decades and what's available now. Also available in PDF format for $15.00.

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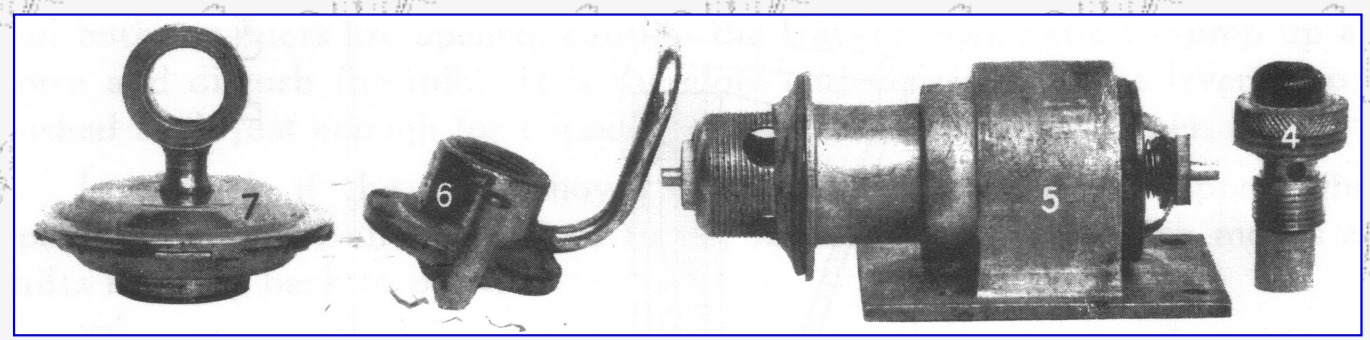

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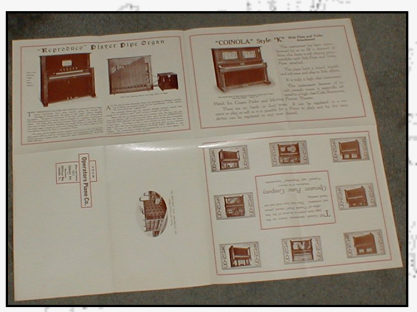

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Duo-Art Reproducing Piano Service Manual (C-3): $29.50

A reprint of the 48 page 1927 manual on servicing the Duo-Art reproducing mechanism. Contains illustrations and tubing diagrams for the various expression components. (Does not have an overall tubing schematic. See: Duo-Art Grand Tubing Schematics below.) This manual also covers most of the devices found in the Pianola and Themodist, which are less complex versions of the Duo-Art Reproducing system. However, it does not contain information about the foot-pumps. Also see "Pianola Instruction Booklets" below.

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Duo-Art Service Manual No.1 Preliminary Instruction Pamphlet (R-32): $15.75

This reference covers the Upright Duo-Art "Pianola" piano. It contains the 'Tubing & Schematic Chart' of the 1913-1918, or 'Early Model' reproducing system, a 'Diagram of the Duo-Art Expression Control, and a 'Diagram Showing Operations of Pedal Electric Duo-Art Controls'. It also explains the operation of the Dynamic Step Control, the Accompaniment Control, the Theme Control, the Manual Control, and a section on 'How To Test and Adjust the Duo-Art' (all components). Also see "Pianola Instruction Booklets" below.

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Duo-Art Reproducing Piano (Collection) (D-34): $55.50

The collection of Duo-Art reproducing piano reprints. Spiral bound. Contains the 1927 Service Manual for both upright and grand models/w four rectangular holes above the note holes on the right and left ends of the tracker bar, the Grand Tubing Chart, and much more. A MUST for every Duo-Art Reproducing Piano owner. NOTE: Does not contain the Duo-Art Rebuilding Guide.

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Duo-Art Reproducing Piano (Player-Care Collection) (D-34a): $29.95 (on data DVD)

The collection, on a data DVD, of all the Duo-Art reproducing piano diagrams and reprints that are known to exist. Contains the 1925 and 1927 Service Manuals, the Grand Tubing Chart, the Complete Listing of Duo-Art rolls, the highly illustrated 1921 Catalog of Duo-Art rolls, Rebuilding the Duo-Art, Themodist Tubing Diagrams, Half D-A tubing diagrams, English D-A function switch diagram, the Presto Buyer's Guide of 1926, and much, much more. Shipping cost $5.95 to all US addresses -via USPS Priority Mail w/Delivery Confirmation.

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Duo-Art, Supplement to 1927 Service Manual (D-24): $7.00

Covers the Combination Foot Impelled and Electric Duo-Art Expression Box.

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Duo-Art Grand Tubing Schematics (C-7): $30.75

Two large copies of the original blueprints that were drawn in 1956 which show the tubing layout of the 1925 Steinway Duo-Art Grand. One drawing shows the layout of the underside of the piano. The other shows the topside of the piano. They measure 42" x 30" (underside) and 30" x 24" (topside). Price includes a shipping tube or box so the drawings don't get folded. Price does not include postage. To save $4.50 in shipping, Type "FX" in the Comments Box above if Folding is Okay.

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Duo-Art Grand Tubing Schematics (C-7a): $9.25

Virtually identical to the above diagrams, but on a single 8-1/2" x 11" laminated piece of paper. Excellent for carrying around on the job or for quick reference anywhere. Easy to read if you have good eye sight. Very legible, but rather small print.

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Duo-Art Tubing and Schematic Chart (R-29): $7.50

This is a large 22" x 17" diagram of the circa 1913-1918 'early model' Duo-Art reproducing system. It comes from the David Saul Collection and was redrawn by A.M.R. Co. This diagram is also found in a smaller version in the Duo-Art Service Manual No. 1 and the Duo-Art Collection. This reference makes a nice wall/shop chart.

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Duo-Art Rebuilding Guide (C-7b): $20.00

Rebuilding the Duo-Art Reproducing Piano Mechanism, by Michael L Kitner. Reprint of the Vestal Press Technical Series, No 5. Covers every aspect of rebuilding the Duo-Art mechanism. 20 pages, 8-1/2" x 11".

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Duo-Art Test Roll (with Instructions Printed On The Roll) (DA-TR): $29.50

(Click on picture to see larger images)

A necessary tool for anyone who is rebuilding a Duo-Art Reproducing System. The roll tests every aspect of the system, including (but not limited to), note repetition, all expression levels, bass and treble theme, sustain pedal, and hammer rail lift (or action shift). Ships in USPS Medium Flat-Rate Box for $12.35 (within US). Overseas $46.85 (to most countries).

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Euphona Maintenance Diagram (E-1): $19.00

Specifically made by The Cable Company for the Euphona player action, this color diagram pinpoints all 26 of the adjustments, oiling points, and screws that need to be removed to take out the upper and lower portions of the mechanism. There are also short explanations labeled: To Tune This Piano; To Remove Player Action; To Remove Bellows; To Oil This Player; If The Roll Sticks; and If Tempo Lever Sticks. Measures 11" x 14". If requested, the diagram will be rolled and shipped in a mailing tube for an additional $4.50. (Normal shipping cost is $5.95) Otherwise it will be folded and shipped in a Priority Flat Rate envelope.

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Flexitone Soloist Player (R-35): $16.00

Player action used by Foster-Armstrong, a division of American Piano Co., Rochester, NY. Essentially, this manual describes the hand-operated expression system for playing 88 note rolls. It has the hammer-lift divided into three sections instead of the normal two. 16 pages, 5-3/4" X 8". Very informative, relatively simple design, rather ingenious.

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Gulbransen Service Manual (B-38): $22.25

(glued type stack). Shows the automatic tracking device and adjustments of the friction wheel. Diagrams and pages of suggestions for general trouble-shooting.

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"Fishing-Pole" Tracker Service (R-99): $6.00

'Fishing-Pole' tracker device, as used exclusively in some late model Gulbransen player actions. A single page, 9" X 12". Originally issued in October of 1921.

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Gulbransen Shop Chart (G-1): $16.50

This is the large Shop Chart for hanging on a wall. It is 24" X 29" and shows all of the adjustments and explains the Theory of Operation. Nice to have around for quick reference. However, it must be pointed out that while the text is quite legible, the graphics leave a little something to be desired. Work continues to correct this problem.

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Gulbransen Collection (DVD Only) (G-COL): $38.90

For those who want "everything" I have concerning the Gulbransen player mechanism, here it is. Over 2.1 gigabytes of files including all of the Gulbransen references listed above plus over 170 files that I've collected or created in my career. They include various patents, rebuilding procedures, adjustment procedures, lots of pictures, and a short video about the tracking mechanism. Only available on one data DVD. File formats include .jpg, .bmp, .tif, .pdf, .mpg, .txt, .gif, .html, .rtf, .wpd and .zip

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Hardman (PlayOTone-AutoTone) Shop Chart (J-4): $16.25

This is the large Shop Chart for hanging on a wall. It is 25" X 38" and shows all of the adjustments and explains the Theory of Operation for both the PlayOTone and the AutoTone systems. These were the player systems that Hardman used in their player pianos. It is a copy of the original 'blueprint' chart that was provided to dealers and technicians. As such, the gray-scale graphics aren't the greatest, but the information is very accurate and the graphics are legible.

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Hobart M. Cable "Style H" (H-1): $11.75 (PDF Format Only)

Pneumatic Player Mechanism and Descriptive Catalog of "Style H" Player Pianos by Hobart M. Cable. This 33 page reprint even lists all of the tiny metal parts that are used to make the entire system. Very complete. In virtually every aspect, this action is identical to the Standard Player Action. It even has the "S" insignia on the foot treadles. Scanned at 300 dpi for maximum clarity.

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Janssen Service Manual (J-1): $21.50

Janssen player with Welte-Mignon player action, service manual for Model WM-I. Pertains to player made in the 1960's, with no connection with Welte-Mignon - the reproducing system. 24 Pgs.

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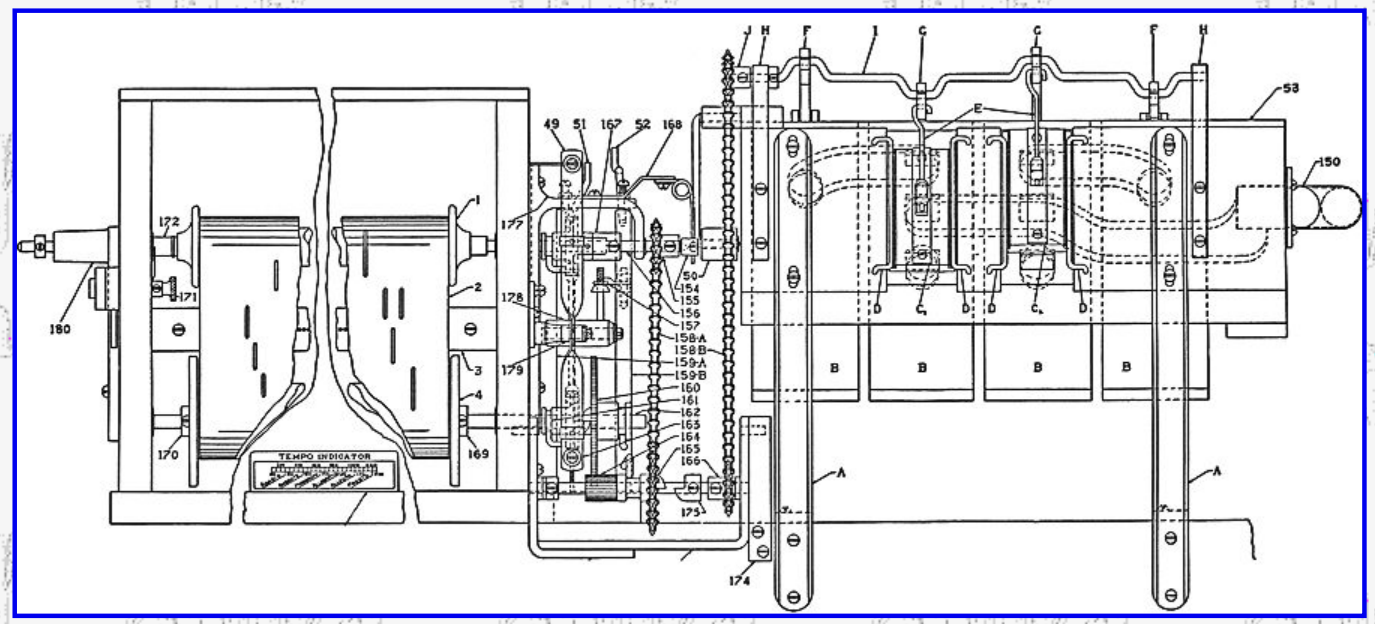
Kimball Service Manual (PDF file) (B-53): $15.00



Kimball Service Manual for players built in the teens and 20's. This manual covers the model made in 1915 and is the only manual that Kimball produced for their early systems. This model has the vents accessible for cleaning by removing individual screw plugs which are in one row immediately below the spool box shelf. The roll motor governor is mounted under the key bed to the right of the foot pump bellows. The drive sprocket on the roll transmission frame is at the bottom of the frame. A 'CD' is also available for an additional $4.95 plus $5.95 shipping. It contains the more than 80 high-resolution images used to create the PDF file. Please type "Plus CD" in the Comments Box when ordering if you also want the CD.

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Kimball Model 'A' Service Manual (K-4): $37.00

Kimball player piano Model 'A' service manual (1st printed in Sept 1963), includes electrical schematics, trouble-shooting guide and illustrated parts breakdown.

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Kimball Model 'C' Service Manual (K-2): $15.00 (In PDF Format Only)

NOTE: This manual has been converted to a PDF format. It is no longer be available in paper form.

Kimball player piano Model 'C' service manual (made in the 1970's), including electrical schematics, trouble-shooting guide and illustrated parts breakdown. Also includes procedure for regluing the plastic valve blocks to the tiers. NOTE: The only difference between the Model 'C' and Model 'D' is a

diode in the Tempo Control circuit.

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Kimball Model 'D' Service Manual (K-5): $28.00

Kimball player piano Model 'D' service manual (made in the 1970's), including electrical schematics, trouble-shooting guide and illustrated parts breakdown. Also includes procedure for gluing the plastic valve blocks to the tiers. See NOTE above.

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Kimball Model 'E' Service Manual (K-1): $28.00

Kimball player piano Model 'E' service manual (made in the 1980's), including electrical schematics, trouble-shooting guide and illustrated parts breakdown.

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Kimball Model 'F' Service Manual (in PDF Format) (K-3): $15.00

Kimball player piano Model 'F' service manual (made in the 1980's), including electrical schematics, trouble-shooting guide and illustrated parts breakdown. Scanned at 600 DPI for excellent resolution (75+ megabyte file).

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Kohler & Campbell (J-5): $9.95 -(PDF Format Only)

Kohler & Campbell player made in the 1960's, called "The Autopiano". Factory service manual. 21 pages, with electrical schematic. The system is known to have also been installed in pianos bearing the name "Lemac". (Not the same as the 1920's Autopiano manual.)

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Lester Service Manual (B-34): $6.50

Tuner's (Vest Pocket Edition) Book, in simple English. As it says in the Preface, "The object of this little booklet is to familiarize our dealers, tuners and customers with the component parts of the action

in order that it may be not only easily cared for but also easily adjusted." The booklet does not contain any information about repair or restoration. 16 pages, 2-3/8" x 5-5/8" (font size 8pt).

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Orchestrion Builder's Manual and Pneumatics Handbook (CB-CD): $24.75 + $5.95 (maximum in US) Priority Flat Rate Envelope shipping (free Delivery Confirmation)
(CD Version - in PDF Format)

The most comprehensive book about valves and pneumatics ever written. Unlike most books that tell you what 'To Do', this book also tells you what 'Not To Do', and then goes on to explain why! Written by Craig Brougher, noted author and master craftsman, this book is a must for anyone who is considering building or rebuilding a pneumatic operated device of any kind or type. This 238-page reference is loaded with well over a hundred illustrations and every topic is explained in great detail. No stone is left unturned. I highly recommend this reference, and have a copy that is quite worn!

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Peerless Player Piano Action (R-110): $24.00

This 1922 Peerless player action is really rare, and you'll need this book when you find one! 30 pages, slick paper, 4-1/2" X 6-1/2" size. Well illustrated. (Note - No connection with the Peerless name in coin-operated pianos.)

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PianoCorder "Ragtime" Coin-op System (PC-1): $29.50

This manual contains all known information related to the PC-1145 player system, which uses both a cassette and an 8-track player. Complete with electrical schematics and circuit board diagrams of the box on the left side of the instrument. Spiral bound, 8-1/2" X 11", 26 pages.

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PianoCorder Owners Manual (PC-3): $23.00

This is a professionally produced copy of the original "Owners Manual" that was produced by Marantz for the P-100 and P-100M system. This is NOT a technical manual. Spiral bound, 8-1/2" X 11", 18 pages.

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PianoCorder/Marantz Reproducing System (PC-2): $59.50

This manual contains the Circuit Description and Schematic Diagrams for the P-100, P-100M, P-101, P-101M, P-200, PR-200, PR-201. Written for use by Qualified Technicians Only. 8-1/2" X 11", 100 pages.

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Pianola Instruction Booklets (R-149): $20.50

Three booklets written as a 'User's Guide' for the operation of the various controls found in the 1920's style upright Aeolian Pianola player piano. These are NOT technical manuals.

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Pianotist: Directions for Care and Use (B-31): $10.00

This short pamphlet (4-pages) covers directions for using the very rare Pianotist player system. To my knowledge, this is one of, if not the first, player system that was installed inside a piano. The roller mechanism is contained in a drawer that mounts under the keybed in this upright piano.

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Player Piano Servicing & Rebuilding (A-1): $38.50

This 216 page book by Art Reblitz is the finest reference book on the planet dealing with the repair, rebuilding and servicing of pneumatic player pianos. Highly illustrated, with individual sections on 30 of the more common foot pump player actions, as well as reproducing systems. Also contains a complete index, glossary of terms, and tracker bar scales. Every rebuilder and novice should have this book on their shelf. Originally published in 1985.

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Practical Guide for the Regulation of Player Piano Mechanism (1663): $16.50

This 22 page service manual is for the early Standard Pneumatic Action with the "A" frame type of tracker mechanism. It is also useful for the Autopiano action and the Hobart M Cable action. It features the "double trackerbar" which plays both 65 and 88-note music rolls, but is also very useful

for actions with a single trackerbar as well.

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Pratt-Read Model "P" (D-23): $14.25

Pratt-Read Model "P" Reproducer (Recordo). 1920's blueprint and manual. Twelve pages 8-1/2" X 5-1/2". (Recommend 'Style 72' manual in addition to this manual.)

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Pratt-Read Style 72 Players (B-4): $20.00

Covers the Model "M" Foot Expression Action, the Model "P" Upright Reproducing Action, and the Model "PC" Combination Reproducing Action. The Reproducing Action is a Recordo-Type mechanism. Twenty pages - Very well illustrated with excellent grey-tone graphics.

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Pratt-Read Guide to Mechanism and Regulation & Its Mechanism and Regulation (B-60): $30.50

Covers the following P-R actions: Style 32, Model B, Model AA, Model A, Models F & H, Style A, F, and H. These are the 'normal' 88-note actions made by Pratt-Read. Also, some of the components are the same as those found in the Style 72 players. This is by far the best reference that Pratt-Read produced. Excellent gray-scale graphics with views that show every component and what's 'inside' that device. Also, there are very detailed explanations of how the devices work and how they are to be adjusted and/or regulated. Where applicable, there are "do's and Don'ts" notes. Highly recommended. Added to our stock in June 2010. I wish I had this reference 35 years ago. It would have saved me a lot of time. Due to the physical size of this reference, (9" x 14" -28 pages) it must be shipped in a USPS Flat-Rate Legal Envelope. Shipping is a maximum of $5.95.

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Pratt-Read A Guide to its Mechanism and Regulation (B-58): $18.00

This is one-half of the above reference. Basically, it covers how the mechanism works and how it is regulated. Information is presented in the form of 'Articles to the Tuner and Repairman'.

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Pratt-Read Its Mechanism and Regulation (B-59): $18.00

This is the other half of the $30.50 reference (above). Basically, it covers all of the variations of the various devices in the system. More attention is paid to the peripheral devices and expression controls, i.e., tracking device, soft controls, sustain device, soloist pneumatic, floating hammer rail, tempo control box, and exhauster assembly. It is my recommendation that this reference and the one directly above be purchased as a set. Will be shipped in standard USPS Flat Rate Envelope -cost to anywhere in the U.S. $7.95.

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Presto Buyers' Guide of 1926 (P-1): $13.95 (CD ONLY)

An 87-page reference book designed to aid buyers of Pianos, Player-Pianos, and Reproducing Pianos in selecting an instrument. The reference is broken down into Three Parts. I. Instruments of Established Name and Character. II. Instruments bearing Special Names or Trade Marks. III. Manufacturers of Piano and Player Pianos. "All preceded by Chapters on Piano Building and Buying designed for the guidance of prospective purchasers." The work covers how pianos are graded, how to buy an instrument, and how to care for the instrument. The importance of this reference lies in the fact that it gives detailed characteristics of more than 100 of the top name pianos ever manufactured. And considering that there have been more than 10,000 piano companies, knowing which ones are in the Top 100 can be very valuable when deciding where to spend your money. A valuable reference which I have used for over 35 years. (Shipping cost is $5.95 -USPS Priority Mail w/Delivery Confirmation)

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Q.R.S. Test Roll (Q-TR): $16.50

This is the standard QRS 88-note Test Roll that has been in use for over 80 years. It performs seven different tests: Individual Note Test, Tempo Test, Repetition Test, Scale Uniformity Test, Capacity Test, Auto-Sustain Test, and Auto-Rewind Test. An excellent addition to every player piano owners' roll collection.

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Recordo 'Aria-Divina' Tubing Schematic (D-7): $17.00

Aria-Divina Tubing Schematic for the Type "C" Recordo electric grand made by Schulz.

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Recordo 'Electora' Tubing Schematic (B-22): $10.25

'Electora Recordo System' made by Motor Player Corp, Chicago, IL. A nametag reading 'Electora Player Piano' was on the electric vacuum motor. A distinguishing characteristic of the Expression Box is the presence of Four silver knobs marked PP, P, MF, and F and a valve block on top of the Box that has nine nipples. Also available in PDF and JPG formats.

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Recordo-Operation of the.... (R-1): $10.25 (Limited Stock)

For Use with the Recordo Rolls. The Operation of the Standard Reproducing Grand Action. Mainly addresses the general operation of the Recordo system, 'Works in a Drawer'. Includes pictures of the Expression Box and the General Tubing Diagram. Eight Pages, 8-1/2" X 5-1/2".

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Recordo Tubing Schematic (B-77): $7.25

Tubing schematic for the Recordo expression made by the Starr Piano Co.

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Recordo - Standard Grand Action (PDF Format)(B-26): $9.50

"The Operation of the Standard Reproducing Grand Action" - For use with Recordo Rolls. This manual does not go into the principles of player piano actions. Instead, it explains in great detail the operation of the Record-type expression mechanism known as the Standard. It also has an excellent tubing diagram of all the components that are connected to the expression box and the trackerbar.

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Recordo/Wurlitzer Grand/w Apollo (D-25): $11.00

Wurlitzer Grand with Apollo. Tubing diagram 17" X 22". Suitable for framing.

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Reproduco Organs (B-11): $10.25

A short 8-page pamphlet containing "Instructions and List of Parts". This was one of the first player organs that used and electrically driven roll motor and an electric blower box, which was located outside of the instrument.

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Schulz Service Manual 1922 (B-29): $24.00

Schulz Service Manual, 1922. Shows automatic roll-centering device having discs which ride inside the roll flanges.

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Simplex Service Manual (B-8): $29.50

This is the original manual, reproduced by American Piano Supply Co. (APSCO). Very comprehensive service manual covering the Style 'B', 'B' Special, Style 'F' and 'F' Special. Complete with 'Do's and 'Don'ts', maintenance aspects and correct operation. Well illustrated, forty pages, 8-1/2" X 11" in size.

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Simplex Automatic Tracker (SIM-1): $6.75

A guide to the operation of the Simplex Automatic Tracking mechanism. Excellent diagram shows all of the parts used in the device, and Illustrated Parts breakdown names and numbers each piece, four pages, 8-1/2" X 11" in size.

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Simplex Reproducing Player Action (B-35): $29.50

This is an original Vestal Press copy of the manual produced by Simplex Player Action Co., in Worchester, MA. This is an 'expression' piano which uses the Recordo roll format. Very detailed manual covering the 'Works in a Drawer' unit for grand pianos and uprights. Decent grey-scale graphics. Complete with tubing diagrams, adjustments for the reproducing action, and information about servicing the system. This manual became available in 2010.

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....Standard Action Service Manual: $24.00

(The paper version is no longer available. See below for CD Version)
(Principles of Player Piano Operation). There were 140 different brands of pianos which used this, the most common player action. It can be identified by the "S" on the patent plate or pedal mats; also, gear attached to the right take-up spool flange on most models. (See also Hobart M. Cable manual and "Guide to Regulation" above.)

Standard Double-Valve Action Service Manual (STD-1): $17.95 (Only available on CD!)

Produced in 1917, this 36-page reference has the finest gray-scale graphics I've ever had the pleasure to view. They are so good that I decided NOT to have the reference printed on paper. Instead, each page was scanned at a resolution of 150 DPI and a variety of electronic files were produced. This reference is ONLY available on a CD that I produced. It contains all of the original scanned files as well as an Adobe Acrobat (.pdf) file and a huge Word Perfect (.wpd) file. The beauty of these program files is that each page can be magnified to over 200% without losing the clarity of the graphics, making it possible to easily see details that are often difficult to see with the naked eye in the original paper manual. Also, through the magic of 'image mapping', you can access super-high resolution images by clicking on any image inside a web page. These images were scanned at 300 DPI, and they are twice as clear as the images in the individual pages. All files can also be accessed individually in 'My Computer'. Or the pages can be viewed as web pages. The CD is designed to automatically open your default web browser when the CD is put into your CD Drive. Lastly, if the web browser is connected to the Internet, you can also access everything at Player-Care from the links on the main default web page. (Also contains the 'Standard Action Q & A' reference.)

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... Standard Action Q & A (B-18): $8.95 (PDF File Only via Email)

Question and Answers - Standard Player Action (Applicable to both the Single and Double valve actions.) A total of 213 questions like: No. 179 - How is the secondary valve button adjusted to the pouch - what distance do you allow between the pouch and the button? Answers are below each question.

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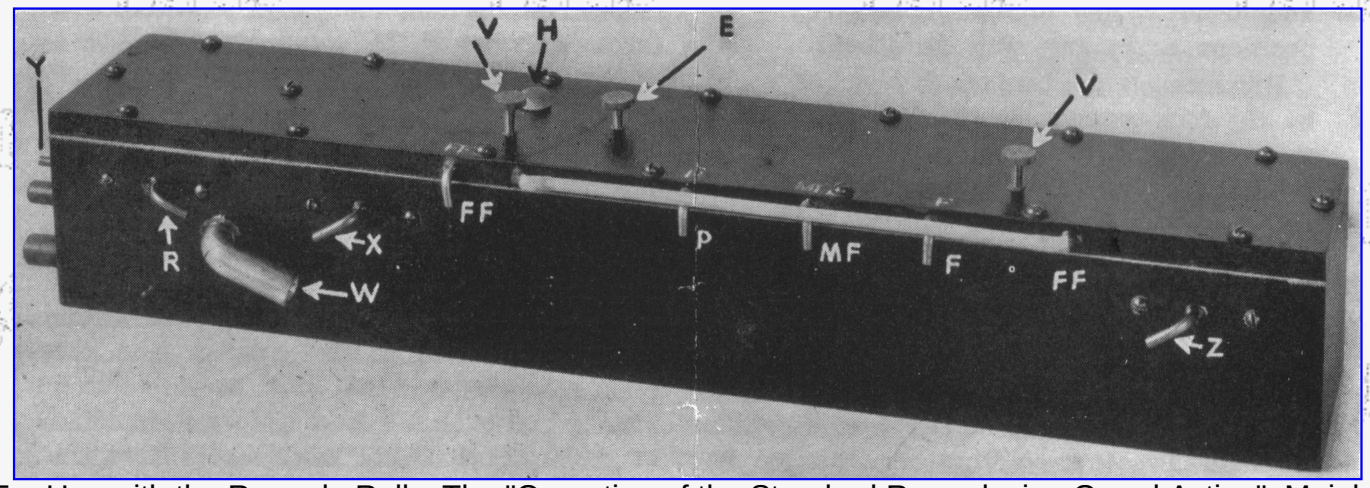
... Standard Reproducing Grand Action (B-26): $10.25 (In PDF Format Only)



For Use with the Recordo Rolls. The "Operation of the Standard Reproducing Grand Action". Mainly addresses the general operation of the Recordo system, 'Works in a Drawer'. Includes pictures of the Expression Box and the General Tubing Diagram. Eight Pages, 8-1/2" X 6-1/2". This is the same Recordo expression device found in the Simplex Reproducing Player Action system. Excellent grayscale graphics.

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Starr Service Manual (D-20): $18.25

Reprint of 1923, type A-1, with fifteen 8-1/2" X 11" pages. Graphics leave much to be desired, but text is quite legible.

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Story & Clark Service Manual (B-49): $27.25

Story & Clark Service Manual, 1924 reprint. Forty pages, 8-1/2" X 11". Covers adjustment and regulation of the system including suggested repairs for certain ailments.

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Strauch Bros. Service Manual (S-1): $12.95 (PDF Format Only)

Strauch Bros. Pneumatic Player Actions manual. Very detailed explanations of all pneumatic components with accompanying graphics. Originally printed in 1925. Excellent illustrated parts

breakdown section showing every single part in the entire player mechanism and piano actions (grand and upright). Very interesting pictures of workers performing various tasks inside the factory add an interesting touch to this manual. This is a "How it Works" manual and not a "How to Fix It" treatise.

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Universal Service Manual (U-1): $22.00

Made during the 1960's and 1970's, the 'Universal', which was made in California, was the first player piano to use synthetic 'Perflex' pouches. Also, it was the first player piano to have an all-aluminum stack with rubber gaskets and neoprene valve facings. Thought not to exist, an original service manual was recently located. To it has been added the electronic schematics discovered by an engineer at Story & Clark, making this the most complete manual available for this player system. Complete with a short Troubleshooting section and Illustrated Parts Breakdown. It does not contain information about the Theory of Operation or Rebuilding. 8-1/2" x 11", 20 pages.

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Universal/Classic Service Manual (USM-1): $62.50

This Universal Service Manual was copyrighted in 2009 by Bob Stanoszek. It contains Six Sections that cover Rebuilding, Supplies, Adjustments, Service, Tubing, and the 'Classic' version of the player mechanism. While a majority of the information came from the original Universal and Classic service manuals, this manual also covers a number of the more common problems found in the two systems. The reference also has comprehensive listings of all of the parts and where they can be purchased. This reference is now part of my personal technical library.

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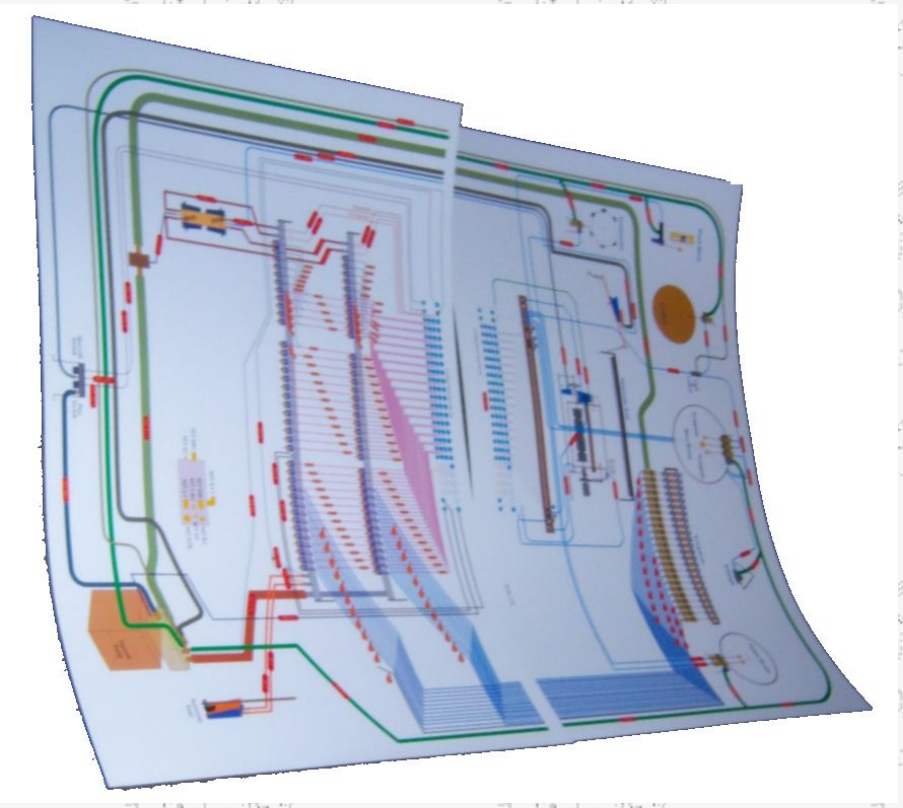
Universal Nickelodeon Diagrams (USM-N): $32.00



There are two 11" x 17" tubing diagrams, printed on stiff glossy stock that are suitable for framing. Very detailed. Also included in the price is a PDF file which contains both diagrams. Shipping is $5.95 if the diagrams are folded or $11.95 if rolled and shipped in a box. Please indicate the preferred shipping method when ordering.

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Welte-Mignon Player Unit (for Janssen Players) (J-2): $20.00

Janssen Player with the Welte-Mignon player action, service manual for Model WM-2. Same as the Janssen manual for the WM-1, but a later model with the controls at the left side of the spool box. 13 pages, 8-1/2" X 11".

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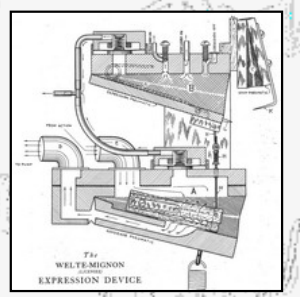
Welte-Mignon Tubing Schematic (C-8): $12.25



Tubing schematic for both the upright and the grand. This is the "Licensee" version-the most common type of Welte-Mignon. Can be distinguished from other reproducing pianos by the tracker bar: All openings are the same size and have a pair of staggered tracking holes to read the edges of the music roll. Aside from these 'tracking' holes, the regular line of ports will total 98. (3 pgs - 8-1/2" x 11" glossy)

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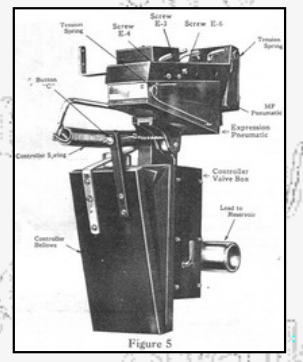
Welte "Original" Service Manual (C-20): $20.00



Upright and Grand. 24 pages. Different from the Kohler & Campbell built "Licensee" by Autopiano. This player action uses the standard 11-1/4" wide Welte-Mignon music roll, but construction of the mechanism was different and was built in Poughkeepsie, NY. To distinguish from the Licensee version-it should have a chain pulling over a roller on one of the expression pneumatics.

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Welte-Vorsetzer (R-58): $15.00

Welte-Vorsetzer Manual, 24 pages. 4-1/2" X 5-1/2". All printed in German. This is some kind of manual for the "Red Paper" roll push-up player. However, there are two clear photos: front and rear view of the mechanism.

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Welte-Mignon (Licensee) (C-4): $14.00 (PDF, BMP, & JPG format)

Welte-Mignon Tubing Blueprints, in PDF Format, Bitmap format, and JPG format (600 dpi 5737x4426 5.6M each) . One for the Upright model and one for the Grand model. Files can be used to print excellent shop charts or for framing and hanging. Extremely well detailed, including the location of all adjustments (referenced).

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Welte-Mignon Reproducing Piano (Auto-Deluxe) (D-4): $24.00

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Wurlitzer Model 1203 (W-1): $26.00

This Service Manual is very complete. It has all the schematics and parts lists as well as the Theory of Operation and the Sequence of Operation. There is an excellent Troubleshooting Guide that covers a wide variety of problems. There are also sections on Repair and maintenance and all of the Technical Notes issued by Wurlitzer through 1980. Stapled, 8-1/2" X 11", 38 pages.

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Wurlitzer Model 1202 (W-2): $26.00

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Wurlitzer Model 1402 (W-3): $26.00

This Service Manual is relatively basic. It has a decent electrical diagram and covers the Theory of Operation and the Sequence of Operations. There is limited information on Repair and Maintenance. Stapled at the edges,

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